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SUBJ: COASTAL PROVINCES THREATENED BY FLOODS

1. HEAVY FEBRUARY RAINS THREATEN COASTAL PROVINCES (ESPECIALLY MANABI, LOS RIOS, AND GUAYAS) WITH FLOODS. RISING RIVERS AND POOR DRAINAGE IN LOW LYING COASTAL AREAS HAVE CAUSED SOME SMALL TOWNS TO BE EVACUATED. SAME FATE MAY BEFALL LARGER URBAN AREAS SUCH AS MILAGRO, GUAYAS AND BABAHOYO, LOS RIOS. DAMAGE TO CROPS MAY BE CONSIDERABLE.

2. NORMAL DECEMBER 1 - MAY 1 RAINFALL AT GUAYAQUIL METEOROLOGICAL STATION IS 700MM (27.30 INCHES). THIS STATION HAS RECORDED 690MM SINCE JAN 1 WITH 468.8MM (18.3 INCHES) OF RAINFALL IN FEBRUARY ALONE. FLOODING THIS YEAR IN STARK CONTRAST WITH LAST YEAR'S DROUGHT WHEN ONLY 364.7MM (14.22 INCHES) OF RAINFALL RECORDED BETWEEN DEC 1, 1973 AND APRIL 8, 1974. 1975, DECLARED BY GOE TO BE "YEAR OF AGRICULTURE," IS OFF TO POOR START.
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